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A DIET FOR MENTAL DYSPEPTIC, AND A CURE FOR HYPOCHONDRIA, HYPOCHRY, OR ANY COMPLAINT OF A HY ORDER.

BY OUR SERIES EDITOR.

ALPHABETIC AND DIARY.

SHORT METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS FOR THE WEEK.

May.

Monday, 7.—Mayor McMichael issues his annual ukase against the "Buddies" washing the pavements after 7 o'clock.

Tuesday, 8.—On account of the Southern members not being admitted to Congress, a prize fight was got up on the Potomac, below the city, for the entertainment of such of the citizens who were used to that thing.

Wednesday, 9.—Mrs. Davis arrives at Fortress Monroe and brings her sewing. The quarrel tells her it is not necessary, as Jeff. has a suit now commenced at Norfolk.

Thursday, 10.—Celebration of Methodists wait on the President. It is supposed with a view of establishing a missionary society near the first gate on the Avenue.

Friday, 11.—Arrival of Head Centre Stephens at New York. The Fenian system, like the planetary system, has the smaller luminaries, with borrowed light revolving around the great centre.

Saturday, 12.—Series Column Day. The Editor, on account of Colonel Page's strictures on the Gas Works is not able to supply his readers to-day with the usual quantity of (laughing) Gas.

LIGHT READING.

A NEW EDITION OF DON QUIXOTE PAGE.

He Attacks the Gas Works.



"MY GOOD SIRS, DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO HAVE CARE, IT IS ONLY A WIND-MILL."

We have all noticed, no doubt, when spending an evening at our different friends' houses, the words "No Trust" over his sideboard, put in a position to command, if not respect, at least attention.

Some of our crochety citizens have had a notion in their heads lately that perhaps things in the Gas Office could be improved, if the Gas Burners couldn't, and they thought that either the lamps should be lighter or else their bills should; and as there was no tax on the quality of the gas, as there is on sugar, they would like to have it first class, as they paid a "first class" price.

With this very sensible object in view (we don't mean Mr. Manuel), Colonel Page offered a resolution in Select Council to appoint a committee of five to examine into the works and workings of the Trust at Point Breeze, which soon, however, turned into a regular blow with no point at all.

If the Committee had previously a poor opinion of the Gasometers, or any other part of the Works, they must have had a poorer one of the Retorts, as furnished by Mr. Manuel, to some of the Committee's questions.

He was told to step to the front of the Chairman's desk and swear, and although mad enough to do it, and under other circumstances would have done it, he flatly refused. He then commenced a vocal "mill" with the Chairman, striking wildly, showing considerable skill in "feints" and "parries," but as the Don strikes straight from the shoulder, the man of gas was knocked off his oratorical pins on the third round. We would here remark that the Don is a hard-working man, and is not afraid of Manuel later.



THE DON WITH THE SUBJECT IN CHANCERY.

Mr. Manuel denounced the investigation as personal, and that it had commenced fifteen years ago. If that is the case, it shows a very slow course of proceedings on the part of the investigators, and it is time they were changed. Sancho Hopkins asked Mr. Manuel if he would sign a "statement" the Clerk had prepared. Mr. Manuel said he would sign nothing, which was a very bad sign for the Committee. Mr. Manuel said he understood his position; he, too, was a member of Council, and he was going to talk. He would make a statement, but he wouldn't testify. He would say words, but he wouldn't put his name to them. In fact, he was no "Siga Manual."

Mr. Manuel said further that this was no subpoena, and he was not obliged to be here. Lawyers ought to know what a subpoena is. Colonel Page asked Mr. Manuel if he was a lawyer. He said, yes. Then, said the Colonel, have you read Coke? No, said the gas man, we have black coke, and I've sold hundreds of bushels of it.

The Committee seeing that he knew the ropes, concluded they would ask some questions, and Mr. Manuel could answer them or not, just as he pleased.

Question. By the Don—Do you know how much gas Professor Lowe used in trying to get off to Europe in his balloon in the summer of 1860, and whether the citizens are done paying or it yet?

Question. Will you tell us the best of your ability, what has become of the scales from the Gas Works, and whether they have been punctually set out on the pavement every morning the past year, waiting for the street cleaner? Question. Do you, or does any member of your Board know which way the Court House is going to front, now having its cellar dug in Independence Square? Question. Do you know the circulation of the Age? Question. Do you believe in George F. Gordon, the Inspector of Streets; and if so, how much? Question. Do you know the best time ever made on the road past the Gas Works on Sunday afternoons by your men with hired horses? Question. Can you play Base Ball? and if so, can you "catch on the fly," or are you a "pitcher" or a "short stopper"? Question. Do you know the best treatment for Square worms? and would you recommend cutting down the trees? Question. Are you acquainted with the various qualities of gas? and if you are, what do you think of the Barlow staff? Question. Are you in favor of Sunday travel, or week-day travel either, over Chesnut Street Bridge? Question. Did you ever die for your country, and if so, whose eye did you use? Question. Are you in favor of President Johnson's policy, and did you ever jump the bounty? Question. Do you regularly read the Supper Table Series? Question. Have you seen Probst? Immediately after these questions Mr. Manuel left. The Don said it seemed useless to have witnesses who were not obliged to answer. The authority to take testimony is inoperative without power to commit to contempt. If the example of Mr. Manuel is to be imitated they would all leave, and if the people wanted more light, they must get better Gas Holders.



THE COMMITTEE VIEWING THE SUBJECT ON ALL SIDES.

After the Tin.

A tinsmith, who lost three hundred dollars in the Washington Merchants' National Bank, followed the President of the bank, threatening to kill him with a soldering iron—the President paid him his money. This is the only instance on record where anything like "soft solder" succeeded in getting anything out of a bank president.

CUPID TEARS.

AT THE FAIRY GROTTO. S. W. CORNER EIGHTH AND LOCUST. We would like to know what it is, that Cupid Tears—it can't be his clothes as he don't wear any, generally speaking. It can't be that he "tears himself away," as he never leaves his quarters unless driven. If he "Tears at the Fairy Grotto," as this advertisement says he does, he should be handed over to the police for fear of doing damage to the "Grotto."

The Wrong Ox Gored.

George N. Sanders, who failed for \$10,955 in a contract with Messrs. Lindsay & Co., in behalf of the Confederate States, sends in his private bill to the Messrs. Lindsay for \$4500 commission on the above job. This action is about up to the English Rebel bondholders asking the United States to pay the bonds, backed by the legal opinion of a law officer of the Crown. No wonder George purposes practicing law in England.

Nameless Now, Forevermore!

Ossip Ivanovitch Kommissaroff, the peasant who saved the Czar's life from the assassin, had his name changed to Ivano Kommissaroff Kstromokoi. We can't see the improvement, except that he is clear of the Act—in his second name.

Question for the Reconstruction Committee.

IF BRIGAM YOUNG has upwards of one hundred wives, as we are told, and if all those ladies chance to be in the habit of favoring their lord with Curtain Lectures, what, oh what, must be the nature of "Yourses's Night Thoughts?"

AXA-DENTAL CUSTOMER.—Is Oxide Gas administered by a dentist as powerful as the Cow Hide gas administered by the lawyers in the "Cow Case" at the Court of Quarter Sessions last Thursday?

From Our New York Correspondent. "The Car-Drivers in New York 'struck' last week, and although that is over, the Conductors still continue to "knock down."

A BAD CASE OF CHOLERA.—A metallic "Burial Case."

FACETIE.

—At what time should an unkeeper visit an iron foundry? When he wants a bar-nail. —When is a lady's neck not a lady's neck? When it is a little bare (bear). —Three feet I boast, but ne'er attempt to go; have many nails thereon, but not one toe? A yard measure.

—Billings says:—"I could never find the meaning of the word 'collide' in Webster. But riding one day on the New York railway I saw all. It was the attempt of two trains to pass each other on a single track. If I remember correctly, it was a shocking failure."

—I went into the woods and got it, so I sat down to look for it, and brought it away with me because I could not find it? A thorn in the finger.

—This is evidently the age of slang. The fast young man, when he would drink—and that's always—asks for a "wash." When he would smoke, he demands a "torch." When he eats, he "wrestles his hash." When he is drunk, he is "swappy." When he gambles, he "shakes the patchwork." When he sleeps, he is "under the blink." And when he steals, he "goes through somebody." His friends are "gay ducks," "no slonages," "bully boys" and "bricks." His enemies are "hits," "dead-beats," and "knuckers." A good writer "slings a nasty quill." A dancer "throws himself into a dashing attitude." A man is a "nibs," a woman a "ben." Would it not be a paying thing for an enterprising man to get up a slang dictionary? If we were to propose this last interrogatory to a fast young man, he would immediately respond—"You bet!"

—The Pope, in a recent reply to an address from the French Catholics, uttered this expression of gratitude:—"I have not forgotten what the French Catholics have done for the Holy See." I shall never forget that in 1848 it was an ambassador of France who aided me in my departure for Gaitia, and that it was a French general who in 1849 brought me the keys of Rome. The profound sympathy which have been extended to me by the Government will never be erased from my memory.

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